GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DISINVESTMENT
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DISINVESTMENT OF AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether many important world renowned carriers such as British Airways, Emirates, Air France and Delta Group etc., had responded to the expressions of interest for Air India disinvestment issued in September, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of them have withdrawn; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b) The following carriers submitted their expressions of interest against the advertisement for disinvestment in Air India and obtained Bid Packs:

i) Air France - Delta Airlines
ii) Swiss Air Group
iii) Emirates
iv) Singapore Airlines (alongwith Tata)

British Airways-Quantas had also expressed interest in the initial stages. They did not confirm their participation, and later informed that they would in fact not participate.

(c) & (d) The parties at
(i) to
(iii) above withdrew, without assigning any reason. As British Airways-Quantas had not confirmed their participation, they did not assign reasons in writing for their withdrawal.